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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, PINS, LE

SUBJECT: TV TRICK

REF: BEIRUT 2303; EMBASSY/NEA TELECON MARCH 15

1. DEPARTMENT IS THINKING OF PROTESTING TO NBC, CBS AND ABC THE BRIBERY OR TRICKERY THAT RESULTED IN THE LOCAL MILITIA AND MUSLIM SOLDIERS SENDING OFF TANK ROUNDS FROM IMMEDIATE AREA OF CHANCERY.

2. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT ALL THREE NETWORKS WERE INVOLVED? ALSO DO WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TANK CREW LOOSES OFF AN OCCASIONAL ROUND JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT EVEN WHEN THERE ARE NO PAYING SPECTATORS? FINALLY, IF WE PROTEST TO THE NETWORKS IS THERE ANY REMOTE CHANCE THAT THIS WILL GET BACK  
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TO THE LOCAL MILITIA AND IRREGULARS AROUND THE CHANCERY AND

DAMAGE THE SO FAR PRETTY GOOD RELATIONSHIP THE EMBASSY HAS WITH THESE PEOPLE? OUR CONCERN REMAINS, OF COURSE, THAT NOTHING TAKE PLACE WHICH COULD HARM YOUR SECURITY, AND PROTEST TO NETWORKS POSSIBLY COULD PREVENT ANOTHER REPETITION OF THIS INCIDENT.

3. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING TOOK OCCASION TO ASSURE THE PRESS THAT EVERYONE AT AMERICAN EMBASSY WAS SAFE. KISSINGER

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